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PRESIDENT: Senator Warner. Come up here.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we have arrived at a time that several of us will have a privilege to express, on behalf of all of us, the appreciation that we've had to serve with members who are not running for reelection. It is my privilege to express words about Senator Cal Carsten. When I think back of the people we served with, there are probably about three categories that individuals may fall in. One of those we become friends just because we've had the privilege to serve in this body. Other times we become friends because of the associations we've had and similar beliefs and policies, and sometimes we opposed one another as well. Then there is the third type of friendship which is solely one of respect for their personal integrity. In the case of Senator Carsten all three of those are appropriate. It is my pleasure, oh yes, I have one additional uniqueness with Cal. Cal and I share the unique opportunity that our fathers served in this body together as well. Because of our...that long, long association that my family has had the pleasure with Cal's family, I'd ask Cal if he would come up so I can...Cal. If Cal would come up, it is my pleasure to present Senator Carsten the appropriate plaque recognizing his many years of dedicated, sincere service to the citizens of Nebraska. Cal. (Applause.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, Senator Warner, colleagues and friends, it is difficult for me to respond. But I want you to know that I truly appreciate it. I've loved these 16 years. It's been hard at times, but it's been fun at times. Probably this year has been the highlight of my whole life. My only regret, of course, is that the better half can't be here today too. (Applause.)

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Members, colleagues, guests, those in the Rotunda, it is my pleasure to discuss with us for a few moments the departure of our dearly beloved Senator Peter Hoagland. (Laughter.) A machine vote has been requested, reverse roll call. Senator Hoagland and I were elected in the same year, and we come from adjoining legislative districts, and we have commuted together a great deal, and we officed together for the first several years in the Nebraska Legislature. And it has always been my personal delight, always, bar none, to visit, to chat, to converse, and to work with Peter Hoagland because Peter Hoagland has brought to this body a wonderful spirit of ebullience, humor, some lightheartedness, some seriousness of